

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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### Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes November 15, 2006 Conference Call

Members Present: Spencer Ellis, President  
Helen Jones  
David Graham  
Gene Hardy  
Lee Otto  
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture

Members Absent: Jack Corson, Vice President  
Jim Mickelson  
David Largent  
Patrick Zimmerer  
Dalin Winters  
Emily Horton  
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture  
Paige Smith, Governor Freudenthal's Office

WDA Staff Present: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

#### Issues

Helen Jones spoke about the Farm Bureau meeting she recently attended. She felt there were two big issues that were discussed and they were the wolf and quantity of water. The members felt it would good if someone from DEQ would be willing to attend the November 30 meeting to discuss the quantity of water being discharged throughout the state, but especially in those areas of methane production. They also wanted to invite someone who is versed on the various sides of the wolf issue. John Etchepare agreed to contact DEQ and the Governor's office to have each office attend. Muff talked about the agenda and arrangements for the upcoming meeting. She will be getting the board books out as soon as the agenda is finalized. Helen also talked about a family who had lost several sheep. Initially, the Game and Fish Dept. said it was a mountain lion kill, but then changed their minds and said it was a wolf kill. The compensation is quite different between the animals. Evidently they are not only being compensated, they have to pay the Department \$250.00 for information they are requesting. John agreed to find out what he could while attending the Game & Fish Commission meeting this week. John said the committee had interview 6 candidates for the State Fair position and he had offered one of them the job. He's hoping to have an answer by Monday. John said the interviews for the Natural Resources and Policy Section would be December 11.

There being no additional business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Spencer Ellis, President

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Date